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SUBJ: MILITARY SUPPLY: PAK REQUEST TO PURCHASE BOMBS

REF: STATE 150128

1. REFTEL EXPRESSES RESERVATIONS RE APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM PAK AIR FORCE TO PURCHASE QUANTITY OF 500-POUND BOMBS, WHICH PAF STATES WOULD BE REPLACEMENTS FOR SIMILAR US-SUPPLIED BOMBS IN PAF INVENTORY (MANUFACTURED 1945 AND 1949) THAT HAVE DETERIORATED BECAUSE OF AGE.

2. WE CONSIDERED THAT THESE BOMBS FALL IN CATEGORY (C) OF POLICY STATEMENT RE ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN CONVEYED IN STATE 88965, WHICH AUTHORIZED "SUPPLY ON A CASH BASIS... OF AMMUNITION FOR PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED LETHAL EQUIPMENT; EACH TRANSACTION APPROVED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS".

3. BOMBS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT WHICH PAF WISHES TO PURCHASE ARE FOR USE WITH US-SUPPLIED F-86 AIRCRAFT, ACCORDING TO PAF. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THESE BOMBS COULD IN FACT BE USED WITH OTHER AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT NOT SUPPLIED BY USG, WITH LITTLE IF ANY MODIFICATION. WE AGREE THERE IS NO CERTAINTY USE OF THESE BOMBS CAN BE LIMITED TO "PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT". APPEARS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO US, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD BE TRUE OF ALMOST ANY

AMMUNITION WHICH PAK ARMED FORCES MIGHT WISH TO BUY;
AMMUNITION INTENDED TO USE WITH US-SUPPLIED WEAPONS WOULD,
IN MANY CASES, BE SUITABLE WITH LITTLE OR NO MODIFICATION
FOR USE WITH WEAPONS PROCURED ELSEWHERE.

4. COUNTRY TEAM APPROVED PAF REQUEST FOR USG CONSIDERA-
TION AS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH STATED POLICY REGARDING
CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW.
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